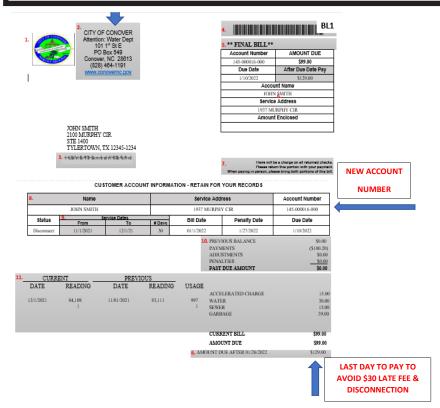


# **CONOVER NEIGHBOR**

FEBRUARY 2022



### Your water bills have a new look!

Your account number has changed. Please make note of this new account number, you will need it for online bill pay.

No action is required to continue autodraft from your bank account.

However, if you pay online via credit card, you will need to know your new account number **and** the amount you paid the previous month.

New online bill pay: www.conovernc.gov/ billpay

For questions about your new water bill please call 828-464-1191.

# Help us shape the future of Conover!

The City of Conover is holding a public meeting to gather ideas and thoughts from citizens about the direction of the future of our city. The City of Conover, with the help of Ability Development Group, is working on an update to our long-range Land Development Plan. The Land Development Plan is a crucial part of Conover's Planning and Zoning process. The plan has been in place for decades and requires occasional updates to keep up with changes in the needs of the community and to facilitate growth in a way that keeps Conover a safe and vibrant place to live, work, and conduct business.

The public meeting will be held at Conover Station (403 Conover Station SE) in the Community Room, located downstairs on Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

## Coming up:

City Council: Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Conover City Hall Planning Board: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Conover City Hall





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## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

As a new year begins for the City of Conover, its residents and visitors, we enter a new year of Code Enforcement. We would like to use this opportunity to refresh you on the main focuses of Code Enforcement along with how it helps impact the city. The main areas of focus for Code Enforcement have been nuisance abatement, junk vehicles, deteriorated /dilapidated structures and minimum housing.

Nuisance abatement is the highest percentage of found and removed violations for Code Enforcement. Nuisance violations range from stagnant water that promotes pest habitation and overgrown grass to old couches and automotive parts openly stored on a property. By removing these items within the city limits, Conover property values have an added level of protection and the overall appearance of the city is improved.

A junk vehicle in the city is defined as a vehicle that does not operate as originally intended, is wrecked or is not worth more than \$500. A vehicle is not required to be registered or insured unless it will be driven on the public roadway. When a vehicle passes these tests, it may remain on the property.

Deteriorated and dilapidated structures can hurt a community both psychologically and financially. A community with numerous structures that are in disrepair that need maintenance or need to be removed can give a negative feeling to its residents and visitors in addition to reducing surrounding property values. A deteriorated structure may still be repaired and cooperative efforts have been made with property owners to resolve issues. A dilapidated structure, classified by a repair costs exceeding 50% of its value, must be removed.

The Minimum Housing code is in place to protect the residents of Conover along with preserve property values. Minimum housing violations can range from windows that have been painted shut in a bedroom, creating an inability to escape in a fire, to the failing structural integrity of a building.

The city ordinance is available on the city of Conover website (conoverno.gov) and questions regarding the city code may always be directed to the Code Enforcement officer by contacting the Conover Police Department at 828-464-4698.

THIS ZONE IS UNDER CONTINOUS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.

The City of Conover assumes no liability whatsoever for those using this zone for transactions. FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911 FOR NON EMERGENCIES CALL 828-464-4698

Conover City Hall - 101 1" Street East



As the weather warms up and the days get longer, Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Whether you're a buyer or a seller, ensuring you're safe when conducting face to face transactions with someone you made a deal with online should be a top priority.

Did you know the City of Conover provides a 'Safer Trade Zone' at City Hall? This well-lit, very public area is under video surveillance 24/7 and provides a more secure place for you to conduct your trade transactions.

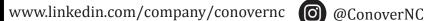
Two parking spaces at the City Hall parking lot (under the water tower) have been designated as the "Safer Trade Zone" and are clearly marked with blue "Safer Trade Zone" signs. These spots are under 24-hour video surveillance and the close proximity of the Conover Police Department will provide an additional level of security. www. conovernc.gov/stz

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